

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 14 are added by this amendment. Claims 1-12 previously submitted, are cancelled by this amendment, without prejudice.

In the prior office action, all the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103 based on Davis, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 4,977,690. With regard to claims 13 and 14, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies shown to Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, during an interview on October 31, 2003. During that interview, Applicant's attorney noted that the Davis reference requires heating by recirculated air directly contacting a motor, with significant disadvantages attendant thereto. Among the disadvantages is the need for an enclosure around the Davis system, including separation between a chamber around the blowers and a chamber around the motor.

A draft claim was proposed and it was noted that Davis was distinguished by the claim in that the claim specified that recirculated air did not contact the motor. It was suggested during the interview that a comparable limitation be positively recited. Based on the suggestion, claim 13 as presented herein requires that the air recirculation loop allows air delivery "directly" back to the compressing device.

Claim 13, as presented, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Davis.

During the interview, it was agreed that Davis does not teach the subject matter as presented in claim 13. Accordingly, allowance of claims 13-14 is respectfully requested.

It is noted that dependent claim 14 specifically requires that there be no enclosure reporting the compressing device from the motor.

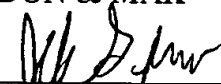
The enclosed amendment is being submitted to the Examiner both by fax and copy by U.S. mail.

In view of the foregoing remarks, subject to further searching as noted during the interview, allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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